

plants, about 1300 species, and by You  
either to keep it for Yourself or  
give it to a man who will be  
so kind to send me Your own Flora.

I shall be most happy to hear  
very soon from You and to read in your  
kind letter forgiveness and the old  
friendship.

Your most devoted

N. J. Andersens

København 26 Mai 1868.

Dear Sir!

For a very long time You not heard  
any thing from me, and You may be  
persuaded that I often have felt very  
ashamed for being so ungrateful.

But several misfortunes have prevented me  
from doing what I ought and would have  
done. My wife and children have been at  
several periods very ill, and in the beginning  
of this year I almost feared to loose  
her, having given me a dear daughter  
for that little cherished being we lost the

last summer. The 9<sup>th</sup> Feb. this year  
I was severely taken by an inflammation  
of eyes, which has caused my imprisonment  
~~me~~ to be a prisoner in a dark room  
for now 14 weeks, so that I only some  
days ago was permitted to read and  
write a little at intervals.

I have now to confess another fault  
of mine; I have not yet paid my debt  
to You for the plants received from You  
and Griseb. from the rich of West India.  
And the reason is that I have sought  
the letters when You had - I suppose  
told me the price of these plants,

but have not yet been able to find it.  
Now, please to forgive me and tell  
me my debt that I may make me  
again free - also from the reproaches of  
conscience.

I hope You have received long ago  
the first part of my *Salicium Monographia*,  
which was sent to You through  
a bookseller at Leipzig.

Very soon I send You a most complete  
set of *Spitsberg-Flora*, collected during  
our four Swedish expedition to this  
highland island. Also I send a  
collection, almost complete, of Swedish